

“§ 104B-13. Definitions. As used in this Article:

(1) The term ‘Outer Banks of this State’ shall be construed to mean all of that part of North Carolina which is separated from the mainland by a body of water, such as an inlet or sound, and which is in part bounded by the Atlantic Ocean, and in New Hanover, Onslow, and Brunswick Counties this shall include the land areas lying between the Intra-Coastal Waterway and the Atlantic Ocean.

(2) The term ‘Shoreline Protection Officer’ includes any person designated by a board of county commissioners to perform the functions of Shoreline Protection Officer, as well as a Shoreline Protection Officer duly appointed by a board of county commissioners.

“§ 104B-14. Description of Lines Established Under Article. (a) The board of county commissioners in establishing a shore protection line pursuant to § 104B-4, and the Board of Water Resources in establishing a project protection line pursuant to § 104B-11, may define said line by showing it on a map or drawing, by a written description, or any combination thereof, to be designated appropriately and filed permanently with the Clerk of Superior Court and with the Register of Deeds in the county where the land lines (in the case of a shore protection line) or the Director of Water Resources (in the case of a project protection line). Alterations in these lines shall be indicated by appropriate entries upon or additions to such map or description. Such entries or additions shall be made by or under the direction of the Clerk of Superior Court or Director of Water Resources, as the case may be. Photographic, typed or other copies of such map or description, certified by the Clerk of Superior Court (in the case of a shore protection line) or the Director of Water Resources (in the case of a project protection line), shall be admitted in evidence in all courts and shall have the same force and effect as would the original map or description. The board of county commissioners or Department of Water Resources, as the case may be, may provide for the redrawing of any such map. A redrawn map shall supersede for all purposes the earlier map or maps which it is designated to replace upon the filing thereof at those places designated above.

“(b) The Department of Water Resources shall file with the Secretary of State and with the Clerk of Superior Court and the Register of Deeds of every county in which a beach erosion or hurricane protection project or any part thereof is located: (1) a certified copy of the map, drawing, description or combination thereof showing the project protection line for said project; and (2) a certified copy of any redrawn or altered map or drawing, and of any amendments or additions to written descriptions, showing alterations to said project protection line. The filings required by this subsection shall constitute compliance with the requirements of Article 18 of Chapter 143 of the General Statutes.

“§ 104B-15. Powers of the Board of Water Resources. In addition to its other powers under this Article, the Board of Water Resources shall be empowered to render advice and assistance to any Shoreline Protection Officer or Officers, board of county commissioners, or other office, agency, or board having responsibilities under this Article. In exercising this func-